

BOUCHER INTRODUCES MEASURE TO HALT EPA REGULATION OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

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While this measure is far from perfect, I was able to secure a number of important changes to the bill which allow for the continued and robust use of coal and the deployment of carbon capture and storage technologies necessary for the coal industry's future success. If EPA is allowed to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, economic considerations simply cannot be taken into account.

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technologies and enable utilities to keep burning coal while paying others to reduce emissions. Specifically my changes to the bill provide:

- Free allowances to emitters, keeping the program affordable and encouraging coal use.
- An assured \$10 billion in funding for carbon separation and storage (CCS) technology development and an additional \$150 billion to incent its use by coal burning utilities. These funds will ensure that the technologies are fully developed and available at commercial scale.
- 2 billion tons of offset credits which enable utilities to keep burning coal while paying others to reduce emissions. This number is roughly equal to all the greenhouse gas emissions from coal use nationwide.
- Modifications to the performance standards which require new coal plants to meet certain CCS requirements. Congressman Boucher has succeeded in changing those to ensure that new coal plants will not be required to use CCS technology before it is widely commercially available and affordable.

While these changes make critical improvements to the bill, I am continuing to work for further improvements as the bill moves through the legislative process. The measure introduced today would give Congress time to approve this balanced approach before EPA acts with costly regulations.

Whiles some may prefer to halt EPA action permanently, the votes do not exist in the Senate or the House to remove all EPA regulatory authority. Our bill is a responsible, achievable approach which prevents the EPA from enacting regulations that would harm coal and gives Congress time to establish a balanced program.

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